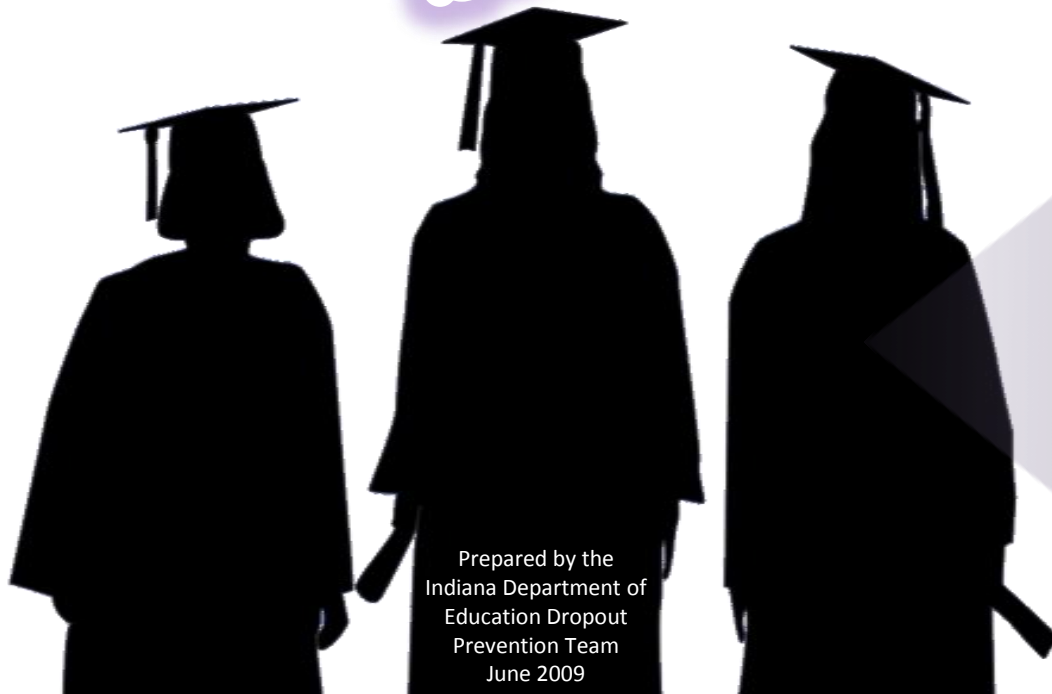


# THINKING OF DROPPING OUT?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD THINK AGAIN...



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READ ON TO CHECK OUT THE  
CONSEQUENCES OF DROPPING  
OUT OF SCHOOL. PREPARE  
YOURSELF, IT MIGHT NOT BE  
AS FUN AS IT SOUNDS.

RECENT DROPOUTS WILL EARN **\$200,000 LESS** THAN  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, AND OVER **\$800,000 LESS**  
THAN COLLEGE GRADUATES, IN THEIR LIVES.

How much is  
\$200,000?



OVER 650 IPHONES. 800 NINTENDO WIIS.  
OVER 1,300 PAIRS OF VGGBOOTS. OVER  
300 SPRING BREAK TRIPS TO CANKUN.  
20,000 MOVIE THEATRE TICKETS.

CAN **YOU** AFFORD TO LOSE THAT MUCH?



THIS CHILD WILL COST  
YOU OVER \$125,000.



**DROPOUTS MAKE UP NEARLY  
HALF THE HEADS OF  
HOUSEHOLDS ON WELFARE.**

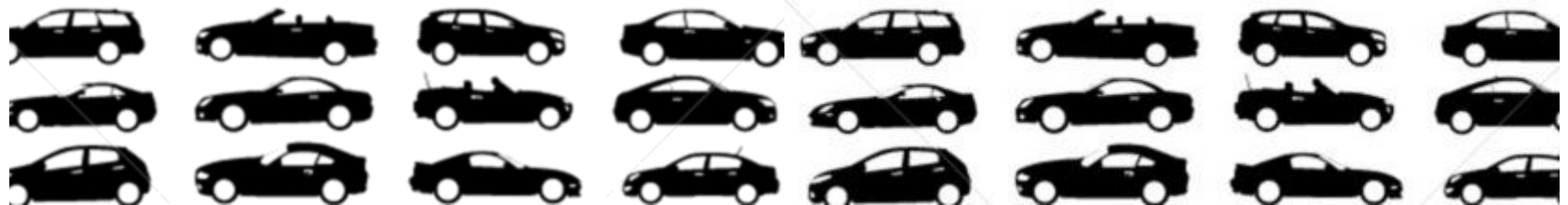
DROPOUTS MAKE UP  
NEARLY HALF THE  
**PRISON** POPULATION.

IF YOU LIVED  
HERE, YOU'D BE  
HOME BY NOW.



IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 AND DROP OUT OF  
SCHOOL, A DRIVER'S LICENSE **MAY NOT** BE  
ISSUED TO YOU. ALREADY HAVE ONE? IF YOU  
DROP OUT, IT MAY BE **REVOKED**.

*BETTER APPLY FOR A LIFETIME BUS PASS.*



HIGH PERCENTAGES OF YOUNG DROPOUTS ARE  
EITHER **NOT** EMPLOYED OR ARE **NOT** EVEN IN  
THE LABOR FORCE.



Sample Job Application

*Fill out this sample application using your personal information. Include all applicable information and addresses.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Complete all parts of the application. If your application is incomplete, or does not clearly show the experience and/or training required, your application may not be accepted. If you have no information to enter in a section, please write "N/A".

Name and Address	
Name (Last, M. Last)	Social Security Number
Mailing Address	
City, State, and Zip Code	
Home Phone	Message Phone
Why we use a mail to contact you? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
E-mail Address	

Additional Information	
Have you been an employee of this organization in the past? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
I certify that I am in compliance with the provisions of the Selective Service Act (Draft Registration). Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
I certify that I am a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or a foreign national with authorization to work in the United States. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or had a judicial judgment in a felony? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please explain.	

Education			
Do you have a degree or diploma?			
Level	From	To	Did you graduate?
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DROPOUTS  
NEED NOT  
APPLY.





**BY THE TIME YOU ARE 40, YOU WILL  
HAVE COST YOUR COMMUNITY AS  
MUCH AS \$500,000.**

IF YOU DROP OUT OF SCHOOL YOU ARE MORE LIKELY  
TO HAVE **CHILDREN** WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG AND  
MORE LIKELY TO BE A **SINGLE PARENT**.



**FEEL LIKE RAISING A BABY ON YOUR OWN?**



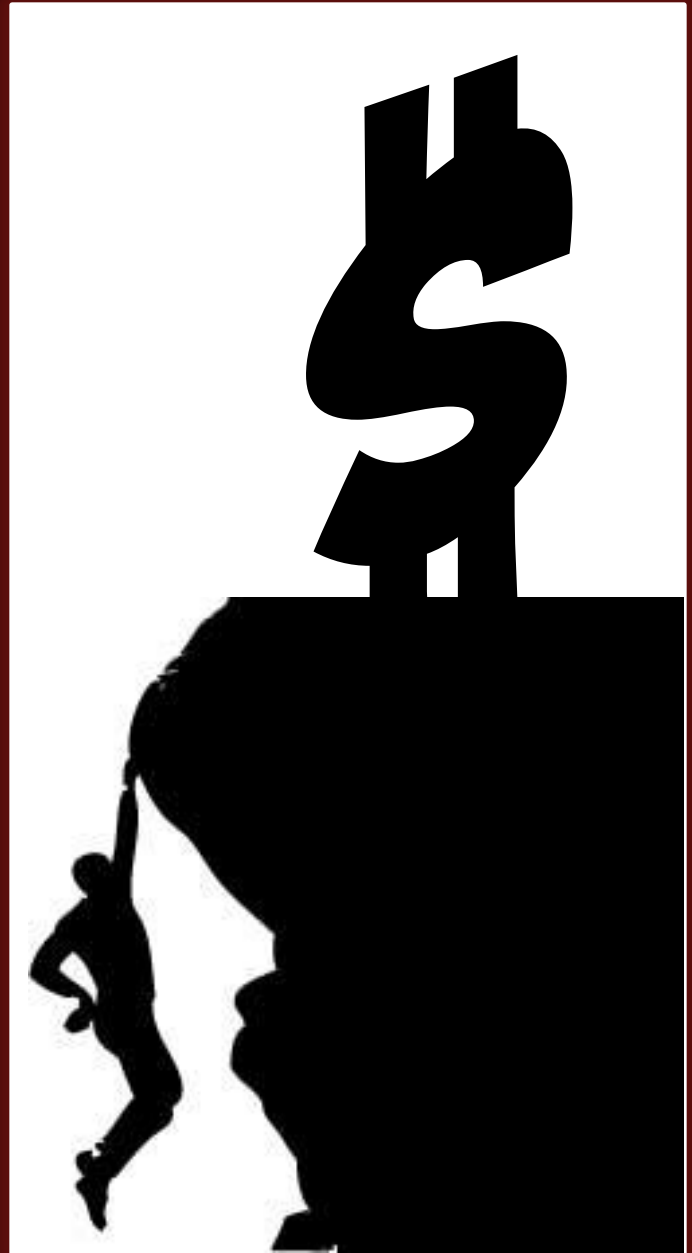


LIFE AIN'T FAIR.

IT MAY SEEM  
UNFAIR BUT THE  
ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF DROPPING OUT  
ARE FAR WORSE FOR GIRLS THAN GUYS.

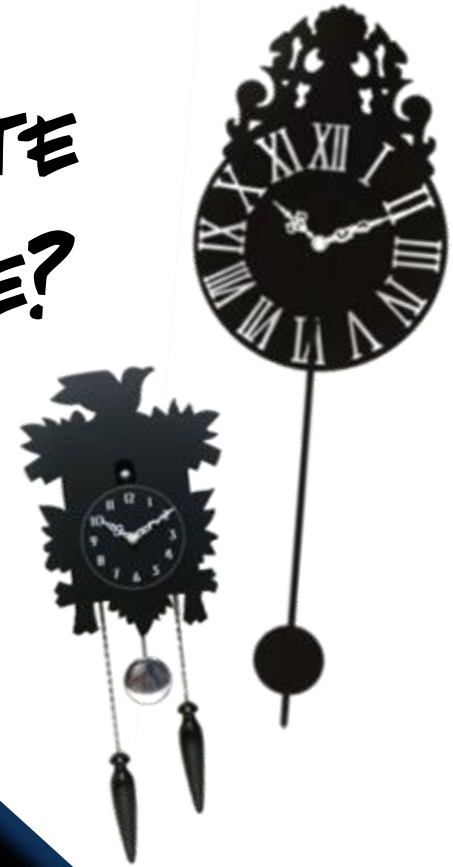
SO YOU SAY YOU FOUND A JOB?

MOST EMPLOYED DROPOUTS  
END UP WORKING AT  
**UNSKILLED** JOBS FOR  
LITTLE PAY OR SOMEWHERE  
THAT OFFERS LITTLE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR UPWARD  
MOBILITY.



WHY WASTE  
YOUR TIME?

MANY DROPOUTS  
**RETURN** TO SOME  
TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAM ONCE THEY REALIZE  
HOW LIMITED THEIR OPPORTUNITIES  
ARE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.



THE MAJORITY OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS  
THINK THAT LEAVING SCHOOL WAS A  
**BAD** DECISION.

DON'T FOLLOW  
THE CROWD.



NO DIPLOMA = NO JOB

GO ONNA CONTINUE YOUR  
EDUCATION ON YOUR OWN?  
GO AHEAD, BUT KEEP IN  
MIND THAT MOST  
EMPLOYERS (AND  
COLLEGES) CONSIDER THE  
G.E.D. **INFERIOR** TO THE  
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.



IT PAYS TO **STAY** IN SCHOOL!

